Gauge conversion between Shimoga and Talguppa

8076. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are taking up the gauge conversion of metre gauge between Shimoga and Talguppa in Southern Railway; and

(b) if so, in which year the work would be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Shortfall in Passenger Receipts in South Central Railway

8077. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the shortfall in receipts from passenger traffic in South Central Railway in 1994-95;

(b) what were the reasons for the shortfall; and

(c) the details of steps the South Central Railway propose to take to enhance passenger traffic?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The targets set in the Budget Estimates have been exceeded.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Efforts to increase passenger traffic is a continuous process. Suitable Broad Gauge train services are being planned on the newly converted (i) Hubli-Londa-Miraj (ii) Hubli-Gadag & (iii) Purna-Manded, sections of South Central Railway. The additional train facilities being provided on South Central Railway during 1995-96 include

1. Tirupati-Cuddapah Express introduced w.e.f. 22.4.95.

2. Bombay-Tirupati Express (Triweekly)

3. Bombay-Nagercoil Express (weekly)

4. Bangalore-Miraj Express

5. Bangalore-Hubli Shatabdi Express

6. Secunderbad-Nizamabad Express

7. Secunderabad-Aurangabad Express

8. DMU/Push-Pull trains in Guntur & Vijayawada area.

Reducing congestion at Secunderabad Railway Station

8078. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have a second entrance for passengers at Secunderabad Railway Station in South Central Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is congestion, both inside and outside the Secunderabad Railway Station;

(c) whether the over bridges are extremely narrow to handle the passenger traffic at Secunderabad Railway Station; and

(d) what plans the Railways have to reduce congestion at Secunderabad Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is not much congestion inside Secunderabad railway station. However, there is congestion outside the station, due to the presence of city bus-stand, with buses plying to all directions of the twin cities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is planned to provide a halt at Maula Ali station for all trains to Secunderabad-Hyderabad coming from Kazipet direction. to reduce congestion at Secunderabad station, both inside and outside, apart from the proposed additional entry at Bhoiguda side of Secunderabad station.

Exjansion of Raji Network in SE Railway

8079. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:

Will tre Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of rail network in the jurisdiction of South Eastern Railway during the Eighth Five Year Plan:

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard, so far; and

(c) the details of new lines taken up and the progress of the ongoing projects under South Eastern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) The following lines have been taken up in S.E. Railway in the 8th Plan period:—

S.No.	Name of the Projecrts	Length (Kms.)
1.	Daitari-Banspani	147
2.	Lanjigarh-Junagarh	54
3.	Khurda Road-Bolangir	289

The works to be taken up in the next year of the plan viz. 96-97 have not yet been tdentified.

The details of new railway line, gauge conversion and doubling projects presently in progress in S. E. Railway are as under:—

S.No.	Name of the Project	Target date of Completion	Percentage progress upto March'95
New Lines			
1.	Koraput-Rayagada	95-96	99
2.	Talchar-Sambipur	96-97	54
3.	Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh	IX Plan	1
4.	Daitari-Banspani	98-99	4
5.	Khurda Road-Bolangir	IX Plan	31
6.	Howrah-Amta	IX Plan	4
7.	Tamluk-Digha	IX Plan	23
Gauge Conversion			
1.	Purulia-Kotshila Ph.-II	95-96	22
2.	Gondia-Chandafort	96-97	11